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## **PROFESSIONAL PROFILE**

### **ARTHUR D. KAPLAN, CEM EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS SPECIALIST**

#### **EDUCATION:**

Associates Degree; Arts and Sciences  
The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA

Fire Sciences (Current Matriculation)  
The University of Maryland, College Park, MD

#### **PROFESSIONAL PROFILE:**

Mr. Kaplan consults in the areas of emergency preparedness, emergency response, hazardous materials, and public/occupational safety. Mr. Kaplan's background includes more than 25 years as a large-county Emergency Management Coordinator, and 10 years as Chair of a Regional Counter-Terrorism Task Force. He has managed and coordinated Emergency Operations Centers during emergent events and disaster recovery operations, during both state and federally declared emergencies and disasters. He is a member of the Keystone Emergency Management Association, and the International Association of Emergency Managers. He has extensive experience in operational planning, public outreach and community preparedness, as well as exercise evaluation under the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP). Mr. Kaplan's duties include planning and facilitation of emergency exercises and events, as well as designing and developing incident management training programs. He is an instructor representing both the Pennsylvania and National Fire Academies, and has instructed multiple class offerings in the Pennsylvania Community College System. He instructed in the Criminal Justice Curriculum at McCann School of Business and Technology for over 9 years.

#### **CERTIFICATIONS:**

- Certified Emergency Manager: International Association of Emergency Managers
- Pennsylvania Certified Emergency Management Coordinator I-III (1990)
- Firefighter II Certification (#1256): National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications
- Fire Service Instructor II Certification (#212972): National Board on Fire Services Professional Qualifications
- Fire Service Officer I Certification (#183109): National Board on Fire Services Professional Qualifications
- Emergency Medical Technician: PA Department of Health (#034509)
- Professional Continuity Practitioner (FEMA)

#### **MEMBERSHIP AND AFFILIATIONS:**

- Schuylkill County Local Emergency Planning Commission
- Schuylkill County Firefighters Association; Schuylkill County Ambulance Association; Schuylkill County Police Chiefs Association
- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
- International Society of Fire Service Instructors/International Association of Fire Chiefs
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI): InfraGard and Harrisburg PA Chapter

**SELECT PROJECT EXPERIENCE:**

Project: Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture RRT Program

Description: This project included the development and management for a state-wide Food/Feed outbreak Rapid Response Team (RRT). This cooperative effort is intended to develop, implement, and sustain replicable models of an all-hazards food and foodborne illness Rapid Response Team (RRT) concept within the national integrated food safety system for Pennsylvania. The program entails the infrastructure necessary to develop and sustain rapid response capabilities requiring collaboration with relevant initiatives, including those of local, state and federal partners including extensive cooperation and coordination with FDA District Offices and other FDA program offices.

Project: Pennsylvania South Central Task Force Mass Evacuation planning

Description: This project included the development and management for a regional evacuation planning template. This collaborative effort is intended to support, implement, and sustain an eight county regional framework that may be used for local or region wide evacuation planning, training and exercises. Additionally, Mr. Kaplan was responsible for working with and identifying traffic management equipment purchases for the task force counties used in various transportation incidents.

Project: Pennsylvania /Regional Incident Management Teams

Description: Mr. Kaplan is a member of Pennsylvania state and regional IMTs, Incident Management Teams. This program develops competencies in areas focused around the ability to assume specific position responsibilities, lead assigned personnel, communicate effectively, and to ensure the completion of assigned tasks in order to meet identified objectives for a large scale event or incident. Recent deployments included the Baltimore Riots and the Papal visit to Philadelphia.

Project: Air Products and Chemicals Full Scale Exercise

Description: This project included the development and management of multidisciplinary (EMS, Fire, HazMat, Government, etc.) full-scale exercise at the Hometown Facility which provides atmospheric, process and specialty gases technology. The Exercise was conducted in compliance with Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) and included evaluation after-action reports and best practices identified during the process.

Project: NFPA Technical Committee for Mass Evacuation and Sheltering

Description: Mr. Kaplan serves on the National fire Protection technical Committee for Mass Evacuation and Sheltering as a special expert to develop international standards. These standards shall establish a common set of criteria for Mass Evacuation, Sheltering and Re-entry.